

HERE IS ANOTHER LIBERAL OFFER TO ALL

Next **Wednesday**, December 9, and **Thursday**, December 10, will be **Red Letter Days** in The Record Voting Contest. Don't fail to take advantage of the Great Vote Bargain for arrearages and renewals for these two days only

Special Vote Bargains, Two Days Only, December 9 and 10

All candidates desiring to win one of the magnificent Prizes in the Christmas Voting Contest to be awarded December 22, will receive an extra Premium in Votes next **WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY**. This Premium in Votes will be based on the **VALUE** of the Subscriptions turned in by each candidate between the hours of 8.00 a. m. Wednesday, December 9, and 8.30 p. m. Thursday, December 10.

HERE IS THE PROPOSITION:

From now until the end of the contest (Dec. 22) we will give 600 Votes for every dollar collected from "Old Subscribers when Back Three Years and More" (instead of 300, as previously given.) In addition to this we will allow for **ONE WEEK ONLY**

900 Extra Votes for every \$5 worth of subscription
2000 Extra Votes for every \$10 worth of subscription

3200 Extra Votes for every \$15 worth of subscription
5500 Extra Votes for every \$25 worth of subscription

Conditions of the Contest

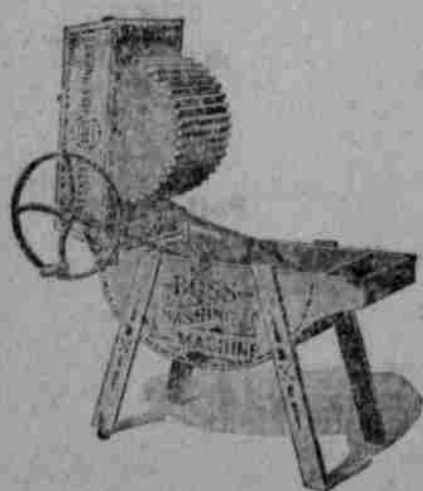
1. Any respectable man or woman residing in the district described in another section will be eligible to compete. Candidates may enter until the last day of the race.
2. The Record reserves the right to reject any candidate's name.
3. Votes are only allowed on subscriptions of 12 months or more, paid in advance, and by coupons run in the paper.
4. No votes are sold outright, but money may be deposited for subscriptions, names to be supplied at a later date.
5. Votes are not transferable. Candidates dropping out will lose their votes.
6. The Record reserves the privilege of changing the rules should it be found that a change will benefit a majority of the candidates. No change in the number or value of prizes will be made.
7. No employee of The Record or any member of his or her immediate family will be allowed to enter the race.
8. Subscriptions and inquiries regarding the contest should be made to the Contest Manager at The Record business office.
9. Candidates may get votes from any place whatsoever, it not being required that they get votes from their district exclusively. Votes are allowed on subscriptions sent to any address.
10. The Record reserves the right to interpret the rules of the contest and to settle any differences that might arise.

300 Votes for Every Dollar



\$20.00 Ladies' or Gentleman's Gold Watch..

Purchased from G. B. Porter, the jeweler. You are invited to inspect Mr. Porter's stock of fine Watches, Clocks and Jewelry.



If You Win this Prize You May Have Your Choice of a "Boss" or "Champion" Washing Machine.

Two Grand Prizes

will be given—one to the highest candidate in the city of Alma, the other to the highest candidate outside of Alma. The highest of the two will get the **First Grand Prize**.

FIRST GRAND PRIZE---A Whitney Piano

Made and guaranteed by the Kimball Piano Co., of Chicago, the largest manufacturers of Pianos in the world. The Piano is a beautiful instrument—handsome enough to grace any home in this community. The Piano was purchased from the Gregory Music House, 114 N. Michigan Ave., Saginaw, W. S., who have a large and varied line of well known pianos. The Whitney piano is sold under a positive guarantee by the Kimball Piano Co. and if the instrument proves defective in any way within five years, will be replaced with a new one. The piano selected for the First Grand Prize is the 1908 model and is a beauty. It will be on exhibition in this city next week.

Value \$350.00

Second Grand Prize. Your choice of a \$75.00 **Diamond Ring** for lady or gentleman, purchased from Alma's well known jeweler, A. B. Scattergood, or a handsome **Concord Buggy** with leather top, purchased from J. M. Montigel & Sons. **Value \$75.00**

THE EIGHT DISTRICT PRIZES

The highest candidate in each of those eight districts will secure one of these prizes, the highest of the winners to have first choice. In the two districts containing the Grand Prize winners, the second candidate will be the winner of the District Prize

A Scholarship in the International Correspondence School of Scranton, Pa. **\$60.00**

A Round Oak Heater purchased from the Caple Hardware Co., or a Steel Body Portland Cutter, purchased from J. M. Montigel & Sons, value **\$25.00**

Ladies' or Gentleman's Gold watch, purchased from G. B. Porter, the jeweler, and guaranteed to be first class in every particular. **\$20.00**

An order for a Lady's or Gentleman's suit at Messinger's Clothing Store, or Delavan's store, or at F. E. Pollasky's store, value **\$15.00**

A handsome set of Dishes purchased at Karr & Shields Variety Store, value **\$10.00**

A Champion Washing Machine, or a set Rogers Bros. Knives and Forks and a half dozen Tablespoons and a half dozen Teaspoons, purchased from Otto Sanderhoff, the hardware man, value **\$10.00**

A handsome Parlor Chair, purchased at Risch's Furniture Store, value..... **\$10.00**

A pair of handsome Street Blankets, purchased from R. E. Moblo & Co., at Riverdale, value **\$6.00**

Inspect the handsome Whitney Piano in Convis & Convis' window. Is that not worth striving for? Why not get busy?

The Champion Washing Machine which we have selected as one of the prizes may be seen at Otto Sanderhoff's hardware. There you will find a good stock of reliable hardware, stoves and ranges

No Person Can Receive More Than One Prize.

PLAN OF CONTEST

The Record has inaugurated a GREAT SUBSCRIPTION CONTEST in which the men and women of Alma and surrounding territory will be given an opportunity of winning in six weeks, prizes worth about \$600.00. The prizes will be awarded to those securing the most votes, which are given on subscriptions to The Record. Votes are allowed on all subscription, either OLD or NEW. The price of the paper will be the same as usual, as shown elsewhere in this announcement. Any respectable man or woman may enter the contest by simply filling in the coupon which appears elsewhere. These coupons will be run one week and count as ten votes each; after that time, one vote each. They must be polled on or before the date appearing on each coupon. Votes secured on subscriptions may be cast at any time desired. Votes are allowed on advance payments for the paper. There is absolutely no "chance," "luck" or "guessing" in the contest. The best hustlers will get the prizes. The record of the contest will be open to friends and candidates at all times. As soon as you have entered get busy. Call on your friends and have them take the Record for a year or more for you. Each year will count 300 votes.

Division of Districts

- First District—First ward, Alma.
- Second District—Second ward, Alma.
- Third District—Third ward, Alma.
- Fourth District—Fourth ward, Alma.
- Fifth District—Arcada and Sumner townships
- Sixth District—Seville, Ferris and Richland townships.
- Seventh District—Pine River, Coe and Lincoln townships.
- Eighth District—Bethany and Emerson townships.



\$25 Round Oak Stove

Here is one of the prizes offered—purchased of the Caple Hardware Co. Everybody is familiar with the name Round Oak. These stoves have stood the test for years. You are invited to call at the Caple store and inspect their line of Stoves.

RIVERDALE NOTES

Jack Moblo was in Saginaw, Monday on business.
Look for the Record's Riverdale edition this week.
Go in and get acquainted with Young the new jeweler.
R. A. Hilsinger returned Friday from a hunting trip in northern Michigan.
Mrs. H. A. Lyons was in Alma, Monday on a short business trip.
V. P. Cash was an Alma visitor Monday.
Dr. Chas. McLachlan was in Riverdale, Monday evening on business.

Lost Valuable Horse

John Johnson lost a good horse Friday evening. While driving home after dark he met John Shaffer, the mail man, just south of the village. It was an exceedingly dark night and the two rigs collided. Shaffer was driving a pair of horses and the carriage pole penetrated Johnson's horse's breast. The animal rapidly bled to death.

Big Clearing Out Sale.

F. C. Hyde of Riverdale, will open a big "clearing out" sale at his store in Riverdale, Saturday, Dec. 12th. Over \$5000 in stock will be sold at greatly reduced prices. This consists of men's and boy's clothing, overcoats, mens, ladies and childrens shoes, rubbers and articles. An immense implement stock and hundreds of other articles. Remember the time 9:30 and the place, Hyde's store at Riverdale.

Diphtheria Well in Hand.

The diphtheria situation which developed here last week is well in hand. Aside from the case of Dona Reed, which resulted fatally last Wednesday, two other cases have developed, but in both cases the sick ones are doing nicely. These cases are at Marion Rhodes' home and at Robert Bartlett's.

On account of the presence of diphtheria it was deemed best to close the schools for a week to prevent any possible spreading of the disease. Just where it first originated is a matter of speculation but there is absolutely no cause for undue alarm as the disease is well under control. What is needed is an application of common sense and ordinary precaution in the present instance.

Live Meat Men.

No one appreciates a meat market more than a farmer. It affords a market for any cattle, hogs or poultry he cares to sell, and it gives him a chance to get fresh meat at his home. The firm of Valantine & Co. of Riverdale is composed of A. and C. I. Valantine. For seven years they have kept a meat market, operating a meat wagon on the road through the summer months. They occupy a building 2x60 feet and also buy much beef, pork and poultry. They are both well known about this section of Michigan and are making a success of their business.



RIVERDALE'S AUCTIONEER.

So you know Parks, the auctioneer? If you don't you ought to. He is one of the best auctioneers about here, and if you are going to have an auction sale you can make no mistake in getting him. Besides he is for Riverdale. For that very reason you ought to be for him.

SUMNER

Mr. Perry returned from Ohio, Saturday.

Mr. Hunt is improving from his recent sickness.

Raymond Duffield's wife is a little better after having a relapse.

Walter Ence, who has typhoid fever is convalescing.

W. C. B. M. held meeting in the Deciple church Saturday and Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Busing of St. Louis talked on the subject and was ably delivered.

Mrs. Aldrich and daughter are visiting her brothers, Charles and David Mulford.

Bert Mangus of Alma was in town today.

Jay West has built an addition to his drug store, for wood and coal.

Bird Clark has rented the D. Long place and will move there soon.

Laura Plank is on the sick list at her mother's.

Election of officers next grange meeting, hope all will be present.

Mr. McKinstry entertained their friends and neighbors Thanksgiving with a sumptuous dinner.

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